ATTACHMENT A

- 1. (Currently amended): Catalyst components for the polymerization of polymerizing olefins comprising Mg, Ti, Cl, and OR groups, where R is a C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group optionally containing heteroatoms, or an ether having two or more ether groups, wherein a Mg/Ti weight ratio is lower than 3, a Cl/Ti weight ratio is from 1.5 to 6, an OR/Ti weight ratio is from 0.5 to 3.5 and at least 50% of the titanium atoms is in a valence state lower than 4.
- 2. (Currently amended): The catalyst components according to claim 1 in which the ether having at least two ether groups is selected from 1,3 diethers of [[the]] formula (I):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{II} & R^{III} \\
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R^{IV} & OR^{VII}
\end{array}$$
(I)

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{II} & R^{III} \\
 & OR^{VI} \\
 & OR^{VII}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{IV} & R^{IV} & R^{IV}
\end{array}$$

wherein [[R]] $\underline{R^0}$, R^I , R^{II} , R^{III} , R^{IV} and R^V , equal to or different from each other, are hydrogen or hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, and R^{VI} and R^{VII} , equal to or different from each other, are

hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms; one or more of the R R VII groups R^0 - R^{VII} can be linked to form a cycle.

- 3. (Previously presented): The catalyst components according to claim 2 in which R^{VI} and R^{VII} are selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl radicals.
- 4. (Currently amended): The catalyst components according to claim 2 in which the radicals $R^{II}-R^V$ are hydrogen, the radicals R^{VI} and R^{VII} are C_1-C_4 alkyl radicals, and the radicals [[R]] R^0 and R^I , same equal to or different from each other, are C_1-C_{18} alkyl groups, C_3-C_{18} cycloalkyl groups, C_6-C_{18} aryl groups, or C_7-C_{18} alkylaryl or arylalkyl groups.
- 5. (Currently amended): The catalyst components according to claim 4 in which [[R]] \underline{R}^0 and R^I are C_1 - C_{10} linear or branched alkyls.
- 6. (Previously presented): The catalyst components according to claim 1 in which the ether having at least two ether groups is a 1,2 diether.
- 7. (Previously presented): The catalyst component according to claim 1 in which the Mg/Ti weight ratio is lower than 2, the Cl/Ti weight ratio is from 2 to 5.5, and the OR/Ti weight ratio is from 0.7 to 3.
- 8. (Currently amended): The catalyst components according to claim 1 in which at least 60% of the titanium atoms is in a valence state lower than 4.

- 9. (Previously presented): The catalyst components according to claim 7 in which the Mg/Ti weight ratio is lower than 1.5, the Cl/Ti weight ratio is from 2.5 to 5, and the OR/Ti weight ratio is from 0.7 to 2.5.
- 10. (Currently amended): The catalyst components according to claim 8 in which at least 70% of the titanium atoms are is in a valence state lower than 4.
- of polymerizing olefins obtained by contacting (i) a catalyst component comprising Mg, Ti, Cl, and OR groups, where R is a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group optionally containing heteroatoms, or an ether having two or more ether groups, wherein a Mg/Ti weight ratio is lower than 3, a Cl/Ti weight ratio is from 1.5 to 6, an OR/Ti weight ratio is from 0.5 to 3.5 and at least 50% of the titanium atoms are is in a valence state lower than 4, with (ii) an organoaluminum compound.
- 12. (Original): The catalyst according to claim 11 in which the organoaluminum compound is selected from trialkyl aluminum compounds.
- 13. (Previously presented): The catalyst according to claim 11 in which the organoaluminum compound is selected from mixtures of trialkylaluminum and alkylaluminum halides.
- 14. (Currently amended): The catalyst according to claim 13 in which the alkylaluminum halide is selected from diethylaluminum chloride, diisobutylalumunum

<u>diisobutylaluminum</u> chloride, Al-sesquichloride, and dimethylaluminum chloride.

15. (currently amended): A process for the (co)polymerization of (co)polymerizing olefins of formula (II)[[,]]

$CH_2=CHR_T$ $CH_2=CHR^{VIII}$ (II)

where [[R]] $\underline{R^{VIII}}$ is H or a C_1 - C_{12} hydrocarbon group, carried out in [[the]] presence of a catalyst for the polymerization of polymerizing olefins obtained by contacting (i) a catalyst component comprising Mg, Ti, Cl, and OR groups, where R is a C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group optionally containing heteroatoms, or an ether having two or more ether groups, wherein a Mg/Ti weight ratio is lower than 3, a Cl/Ti weight ratio is from 1.5 to 6, an OR/Ti weight ratio is from 0.5 to 3.5 and at least 50% of the titanium atoms is in a valence state lower than 4;[[,]] with (ii) an organoaluminum compound.

16. (Currently amended): The process according to claim 15 in which the olefins copolymerized are ethylene and one or more alpha-olefins having from 3 to 12 carbon atoms.